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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 21 December 1998 (21.12.98)	From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU To: BOULT WADE TENNANT 27 Furnival Street London EC4A 1PQ ROYAUME-UNI
Applicant's or agent's file reference SJA/47870/002	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/GB97/03317	International filing date (day/month/year) 03 December 1997 (03.12.97)

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Applicant McKECHNIE, Malcolm, Tom et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

 in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

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(21) International Application Number: PCT/GB97/03317		(74) Agent: BOULT WADE TENNANT; 27 Furnival Street, London EC4A 1PQ (GB).			
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(30) Priority Data: 9625664.9 4 December 1996 (04.12.96) GB 9718934.4 5 September 1997 (05.09.97) GB		(71) Applicants (for all designated States except US): UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON [GB/GB]; Highfield, Southampton SO17 1BJ (GB). RECKITT AND COLMAN PRODUCTS LIMITED [GB/GB]; One Burlington Lane, London W4 2RW (GB).			
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AND REMOVING DUST AND OTHER PARTICLES FROM A MATERIAL					
(57) Abstract					
<p>A method for controlling and removing dust and other fine particles in a material comprising i) electrostatically charging carrier particles in powder form to give the carrier particles a minimum charge to mass ratio of +/- 1x10⁻⁴C/kg, ii) delivering the electrostatically charged carrier particles to the material, whereby the dust and other fine particles in the material agglomerate with the charged carrier particles and iii) removing the resultant agglomerates from the material (for example by vacuuming or brushing). An apparatus for delivering electrostatically charged particles to a material, the apparatus comprising a) a container, in which particles to be electrostatically charged are stored and b) means for delivering the particles from the container to the carpet of fabric material, the delivery means comprising i) a tube or pipe for delivering the carrier particles to the carpet or fine fabric material; and ii) means for expelling particles at high velocity from the container to the material; the tube or pipe being made of such a material that, when carrier particles are passed down the delivery tube at high velocity, a minimum charge to mass ratio of +/- 1x10⁻⁴C/kg is imparted to the particles by the frictional contact of the particles on the inside of the tube or pipe.</p>					

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 IPC 6 A47L13/40 B08B6/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 A47L B08B

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 5 490 300 A (HORN PAUL E) 13 February 1996 see abstract see column 2, line 55 - line 60 see column 3, line 57 - column 4, line 8; figure 2 ---	1, 10, 17, 18, 23
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International application No. PCT/ GB 97/ 03317	International filing date (day/month/year) 03/12/1997	Priority date (day/month/year) 04/12/1996
Applicant UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON et al.		

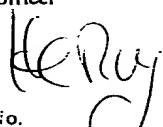
1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A47L13/40		
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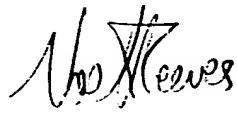
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These annexes consists of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications and corresponding pages relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn up on the basis of (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)

the international application as originally filed

the description, pages

, as originally filed

pages

, filed with the demand

pages

, filed with the letter of

the claims, Nos.

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Nos.

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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:

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3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2 (c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive Step	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial Applicability	Claims	1-23	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and Explanations

No cited prior art shows or suggests method/apparatus for delivering electrostatically charged particles in the range set out in claims 1, 10, 17, 18, 23 (common subject-matter of these claims).

Page 1 problems may be overcome with such method/apparatus.

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VII.

Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claims should be in the two-part form based on e.g. one of the documents cited in the Search Report.

Reference should be included in the claims.

Documents cited in the Search Report should be discussed in the description.

It should be clear from the description:

- a) which prior art (document) forms the basis for the two-part form of claims
- b) how the presently-claimed invention differs from this nearest prior art
- c) what technical advantage this distinction brings.

The unit "microns" (page 16) should be replaced or supplemented by metric equivalents.

The term "Haze Carpet Freshener" used on page 18 appears to be a registered trade mark and should be identified as such.

Documents should be referred to by publication number (cf. page 4).

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

A single independent claim with a single set of dependent claims should be used in each category as opposed to the present multiple independent claims.

Independent claims in different categories should relate to a single invention; apparatus should be capable of carrying out all method steps.

The description should be consistent with the independent claim(s). (Cf. especially pages 1-12).

Any reference to the invention should only cite features from the independent claim(s).

The independent claim(s) should define sufficient features to ensure that an article/process is defined which fulfils all of the objects of the invention set out.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).
2. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).
3. The international application contains disclosure of a **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing** and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
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 - Transcribed by this Authority
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 the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is:

Figure No. _____

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 - because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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